

Provision is included in American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan

Washington, D.C. –Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), member of the powerful Appropriations Committee announced that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan, also known as the economic stimulus bill, contains a buy American provision that will ensure that our public roads and waterways will be built with American-made steel and iron. This banner piece of legislation, one of the cornerstones of Democratic plans for rebuilding the American economy is expected to help workers who have been hurt by the economic policies of the past and improve the business climate in the United States.

“This bill is specifically written to benefit American workers, the middle class and create private sector jobs. We are going to spend this money in Youngstown, Warren, Akron and throughout the 17th District, not Beijing, Mumbai or Dubai.” said Congressman Tim Ryan. “The Buy American provision on steel and iron that I fought to include in this bill is more proof that change has come to Washington.”

The bill contains \$64 billion dollars to fix America’s roads, bridges and waterways. Nearly 800,000 jobs will be created through investment in transportation with monies for these needed projects to be made available in 180 days. Congressman Ryan helped organize support for the successful “Buy American” amendment to the bill in an effort to ensure that our recovery money doesn’t end up overseas. The amendment covers airports, bridges, canals, dams, dikes, pipelines, railroads, multi-line mass transit systems, roads, tunnels, harbors, and piers.

“According to the United Steelworkers of America, 16 out of 29 blast furnaces in America are currently idle and monthly steel shipments are down 33% while new steel orders are down 58%,” said Congressman Tim Ryan. “The Buy American provision in this bill will go a long way to putting steel workers back to work and help rebuild America’s steel industry.”